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Chief Executive Officer

November 13, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: REFUND OF THE GARBAGE COLLECTION  
AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES  
FISCAL YEAR 2006-07  
BELVEDERE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works to refund the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fees to those property owners in the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District who utilized dumpster services during the entire Fiscal Year and submit a refund application to the Director of Public Works no later than February 28, 2008, unless otherwise extended by the Director of Public Works, under special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.
2. The amount of the refund is estimated to be \$610,000 (GA2 Fund) for the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The proposed recommendation provides for the continuation of the Service Fees Refund Program for Fiscal Year 2006-07. In previous years, your Board authorized Public Works to refund service fees to those customers in the Belvedere Garbage

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Disposal District who subscribed to dumpster services during the entire Fiscal Year in lieu of utilizing waste receptacles provided by the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District's contract waste hauler.

Currently, the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District's contract contains provisions for weekly refuse collection, in unlimited quantities, and the handling of recyclables and green waste material. The contract for Fiscal Year 2006-07 did not include any provisions for collecting waste placed in dumpsters at multifamily residences and/or businesses within the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District. The owners of these properties are charged an annual Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fee on their property tax bill in addition to incurring charges from their private hauler for dumpster services. Therefore, it is recommended that the Service Fees Refund Program for the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District be continued for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Dumpster service is included in the contract as of July 1, 2007, therefore, Fiscal Year 2006-07 will be the final year for which service fee refunds will be issued as part of the Service Fees Refund Program.

Upon your Board's approval all identified and eligible property owners within the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District will be notified of the Service Fees Refund Program for Fiscal Year 2006-07 by U.S. Mail.

#### **Implementation of County Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by providing refunds to qualified property owners within the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District who are assessed an annual Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fee on their property tax bill in addition to incurring charges by their subscription for dumpster services during Fiscal Year 2006-07.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. Upon approval by your Board, the refunds will be paid from the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District's Fund. Based on the estimated 3,100 parcels in the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District that utilized dumpster services during Fiscal Year 2006-07, we anticipate the refund total will be approximately \$610,000.

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Sufficient funding is available in the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District's Fund to provide for the refunds.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County Counsel concurs with the above recommendation.

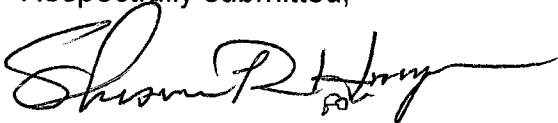
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended Board action will have no impact on the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District's waste collection services provided to the customers.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Fujioka", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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